

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse daily endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State medical facilities which bring glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through the excellence of their achievements; and

**Whereas**, SSM Saint Joseph Hospital of Kirkwood opened its doors on October 11, 1954, after the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet purchased the existing federal Marine Hospital for \$1 under the condition that they operate a general hospital for at least twenty years; and

**Whereas**, fifty years later SSM Saint Joseph Hospital will observe its Golden Anniversary with a community celebration on Saturday, October 9, 2004, at the hospital campus on Couch Avenue; and

**Whereas**, the Fiftieth Anniversary celebration will include a special program which will feature past and present hospital administrators, special guests, and local dignitaries; a free physician forum entitled "Talk with the Physician"; and hospital tours which will accentuate the Emergency Department, Family Birthplace, Orthopedic and Rehabilitation Unit; Cardiac Cath Lab; and rescue vehicles provided by the Kirkwood Fire Department; and

**Whereas**, SSM Saint Joseph Hospital also will feature fingerprinting and identity cards for children by the Kirkwood Police Department; fun activities brought by the Magic House and Keysor Elementary School; free food; and live entertainment from such local performers as Angelic Express, Key of Three, North Kirkwood Middle School "North Star Singers", and Robinson Elementary students; and

**Whereas**, SSM Saint Joseph Hospital meets the needs of the metropolitan Saint Louis area for complete medical, pediatric, surgical, obstetrical, emergency, and intensive care; and

**Whereas**, the first health care recipient of a Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, SSM Saint Joseph Hospital is a 273-bed facility that provides its services through the knowledge and skills of 700 of the area's top physicians and 950 outstanding employees:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history and accomplishments associated with SSM Saint Joseph Hospital and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they observe the Fiftieth Anniversary of the esteemed medical institution's founding; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of SSM Saint Joseph Hospital of Kirkwood, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Richard G. Byrd  
District No. 94

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. , adopted , 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker